1962 के उपबंधों के तहत प्रवर्तनीय बन जाते हैं जिससे सरकारी बकायों की वसूली में सहायता मिलती है। इसके अलावा, सीमाशुल्क अधिनियम, 1962 की धारा 72 के तहत, भांडागारों में रखे हुए माल की नीलामी करके सीमाशुल्क की वसूली भी की जा सकती है।

Proposal to raise limit on bonus for bank employees

3773. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bank employees who are getting a gross salary of Rs. 2500 per month are not eligible to get bonus;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that because of this reasons nearly 85 per cent of Bank employees are not eligible to get bonus: and

(c) if so, whether in view of the ever increasing rise in prices and the resultant increase in DA leading to the increased gross salary of the employees, Government propose to raise the gross salary limit to Rs. 4000 for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Indian Bank's Association (IBA) has reported that all employees, including bank employees, covered under the payment of Bonus Act, drawing salary of more than Rs. 2500 p.m. as defined in the Act are not eligible for bonus. Bank's clerical staff, who have put in a service of above 5/6 years and subordinate staff with about 15 years service and above therefore fall out side the purview of payment of bonus.

(c) There is no proposal under consideration of the Govt. to raise the gross salary limit to Rs. 4,000 p.m. for the purpose of bonus for bank employees.

Reduction in customs duty on bulk drug and drug intermediates

3774. SHRI E. HANUMANTHAPPA: SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the considerations on which his Ministry reduced the customs duty on bulk drugs and drug intermediates with effect from 19th June, 1992.

(b) whether his Ministry has any cell to oversee that benefit of duty reduction is passed on to consumers;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, by when such a cell would be established;

(d) whether it is a fact that such duty reductions are counter productive to basic production;

(e) whether his Ministry had made any study in this regard;

(f) if so, the outcome and if not, the reasons therefor;

(g) whether it is also a fact that such duty reductions lead to playing into the hands of international forces which jack up prices to take benefit of the situation; and

(h) what are the names of such drugs and drug intermediates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The reduction in duty announced on 19th June, 1992 in respect of bulk drugs (including its salts and testers) and drug intermediates is to reduce the impact of higher cost of imports.

(b) and (c) The prices of drugs are dealt with by the administrative Ministry *viz.* the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, (Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals), under the Drugs (Price Control) Order, 1987. The Finance Ministry has no cell to oversee that benefit of duty reduction in respect of bulk